

STARVED ROCK

6 miles west of Ottawa on Illinois Route 71

This prominent rock formation across the Illinois River from Old Kaskaskia village (see Old Kaskaskia Village) marks the site of a palisaded fort established in 1683 by French explorers La Salle and Tonti. In 1691 the French abandoned the fort to follow the Kaskaskia, who moved south due to increasing pressure from the Iroquois. The site is now an Illinois State Park.